

**Thirty-Seventh
Annual Report**

**Town Of
SUGAR HILL
New Hampshire**



Year ending December 31, 1998

*Photo on front cover: Saint Matthew's Episcopal Chapel
by Frances Cammann Hrynio of Sugar Hill*



*The Town was saddened by the passing of our friend
"Cammie" in November of 1998. We will miss her participation in
Town affairs and her gift of capturing our community in her
photographs.*

Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Town Officers

Year Ended December 31, 1998

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Richard Bielefield, Chairman

(Term Expires 2000)

Paul W. Pinkham

(Term Expires 1999)

David B. Southworth

(Term Expires 2001)

TOWN OFFICE

Telephone 823-8468

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Jennifer P. Gaudette

TOWN CLERK

Sherry L. Minor

TAX COLLECTOR

Sherry L. Minor

TREASURER

Lissa M. Boissonneault

TOWN AUDITOR

William W. Pinney

CHIEF OF POLICE

David W. Holland (Appointed)

FIRE CHIEF

Paul W. Pinkham

TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY

911

EMERGENCY ONLY

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

1-800-564-6911

Non-Emergency 823-8123

HIGHWAY AGENT

Douglas R. Glover

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Lissa M. Boissonneault

HEALTH OFFICER

Margaret Peckett

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Paul S. Hayward

MODERATOR

Roger Aldrich (Resigned 3/12/98)

Robert Whitney, Jr. (Appointed 3/19/98)

(Resigned 10/23/98)

Roger Aldrich (Appointed 10/24/98)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Laurence S. Ring, Chairman (2001)

Bruce Perlo (2000)

Maxine Aldrich (1999)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Dr. John Rowbotham, Chairman (2002)

Janet Wakefield (2004)

Edna Glaessel (2000)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Dorothy M. McPhaul (2001)

Eleonore Card (2000)

Irene Amsbary (1999)

CAROLINA CRAPO FUND TRUSTEES

James McCusker (2001)

Mitchell Vincent (2000)

Philip Struhsacker (1999)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Laurence S. Ring, Chairman (2001)

Janet Wakefield	(2001)	Nancy D. Aldrich	(2000)
Lorraine S. Hunt, Secretary	(2000)	Jeanne Ring	(1999)

PLANNING BOARD

Beth Perlo, Chairman (2001)

Robert Hayward, Jr.	(2000)	June Chase, Vice Chairman	(1999)
Maxine Aldrich	(2000)	Lloyd Card	(1999)
Paul Pinkham	(2000)	Michael Coyle	(1999)
William W. Pinney, Alternate	(1999)	Roger Aldrich, Alternate	(1999)
Sherry L. Minor, Alternate	(2000)		

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Michael Hern, Chairman (2001)

Janet Anderson	(2000)	Sarah Pinney	(1999)
Catherine Burke	(2000)	Janet Wakefield	(1999)
Linda McCarthy, Alternate	(2000)	Frances Hrynio, Alternate	(2001)*
		*(Deceased 11/98)	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John McIlwaine, Chairman (2000)

William W. Pinney	(2001)	Heather Ring	(2000)
Rebecca Brown	(2001)	Margaret Connors	(2000)
Sherry Minor	(2000)	Edna Glaessel	(1999)
Albert Aldrich, Alternate	(2001)	Chester Smith, Alternate	(2000)

RECREATION PROGRAM

SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES

Laurie Henault (Resigned 6/98)

Gordon Johnk (Appointed 11/98)

Katherine Galligan

All 1998 reports from various agencies not printed in this Town Report are on file in the Selectmen's Office and available upon request.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - RESULTS

March 10, 1998

Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. declared the polls open at 11:00 AM for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers), and Articles 2 and 3 (Amendments to Town Ordinances). Polls will close at 7:30 PM unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 PM.

ARTICLE 1. To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year;
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year;
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year;
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year;
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year;
- A Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six (6) years;
- A Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- A Zoning Board of Adjustment Member to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- Two Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- A Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) years;
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

Results of Article 1.

Selectman, Three Year Term	David B. Southworth	141
.....	Douglas Amsbary	1
.....	Robert Hayward	2
.....	David Presby	1
.....	William W. Pinney	2
.....	Rebecca Brown	1
.....	Philip Branch	1
.....	Steven Hunt	1
.....	Arthur Chase	1
Town Treasurer, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	167
Town Clerk, One Year Term	Sherry L. Minor	94
.....	Maria Boucher	69
.....	Pauline Aldrich	2
.....	Amy Roy	1
.....	Maria Peters	1
Tax Collector, One Year Term	Sherry L. Minor	95
.....	Maria Boucher	62
.....	Edith M. Aldrich	2
.....	Pauline Aldrich	2
.....	Amy Roy	1
.....	Maria Peters	1
Overseer of Public Welfare,		
One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	165

Library Trustee, Three Year Term	Dorothy M. McPhaul	175
.....	June Chase	1
Town Auditor, One Year Term	William W. Pinney	163
.....	David Southworth	1
Supervisor of the Checklist,		
Six Year Term	Janet R. Wakefield	146
.....	Linda Mitchell	1
.....	Jane Vincent	1
.....	Edith M. Aldrich	2
.....	June Chase	1
.....	William W. Pinney	1
Trustee of Trust Funds, Three Year Term	Laurence S. Ring	155
.....	Paul Pinkham	1
Zoning Board of Adjustment Member,		
Three Year Term	Michael J. Hern	152
.....	Donald Straw	1
.....	Dennis Cote	1
.....	Michael Coyle	1
.....	Joseph Lange	1
Two Board of Cemetery Trustees,		
Three Year Terms	Laurence S. Ring	146
.....	Janet R. Wakefield	123
.....	Roger H. Aldrich	1
.....	John Wagner	1
Moderator, Two Year Term	Roger H. Aldrich	83
.....	Bruce S. Perlo	31
.....	Robert Whitney, Jr.	48
.....	David F. McPhaul	1
.....	Laurence S. Ring	1
.....	John Strasser	1

ARTICLE 2. (To vote by Official Ballot.)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to lots which abut on more than one public street. The official copy of the amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the Article 3, Section 307.1, of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?”

(The Planning Board recommends the adoption of this amendment.)

Results of Article 2: Yes 137 No 35

ARTICLE 3. (To vote by Official Ballot.)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance clarifying the minimum front yard set back. The official copy of the amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the Amendment to Article 3, Sections 304.1, 304.2 and 304.3, of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?”

(The Planning Board recommends the adoption of this amendment.)

Results of Article 3: Yes 121 No 46

Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. closed the polls at 7:30 PM and opened the meeting. The first item on the agenda was turned over to Selectman Paul Pinkham. Selectman Paul Pinkham said they wished to open the meeting by paying tribute to Edith M. Aldrich for 36 years of dedicated service as Town Clerk and Tax Collector. A beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented with the words “We will miss her.” There will be an Open House at the Meetinghouse on March 29th at 1:00 PM. All are welcome.

Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. remarked, as long as Edith is retiring, we might as well dissolve the Town of Sugar Hill.

Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. welcomed everyone to the 37th Annual Sugar Hill Town Meeting of the newest and best Town in the State of New Hampshire.

Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. announced that Selectman Richard Bielefield is not with us this evening as he is the upcoming District Governor for the Rotary. His territory will cover Northern New Hampshire and Northern Vermont. He will be responsible for forty clubs. He is on a training session in California.

Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. thanked Mike and Meri Hern from Hilltop Inn for providing a delicious meal for the election officials.

Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. said we had an interesting thing happen in Sugar Hill this election. We usually have three or four new voters, but this year, we had 22 new voters. The Supervisors of the Checklist said they were of the younger generation. Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. welcomed them to the Town Meeting and said he was glad to have them here.

Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. stated all elected Officers will be sworn in Monday night at the Selectmen’s Meeting at 6:00 PM.

ARTICLES 1, 2 and 3 have been voted on by ballot, so we will start with Article 4.

ARTICLE 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive	\$ 29,000.00
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	6,000.00
Financial Administration	11,800.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Planning Board	3,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	800.00
Insurance	16,000.00
General Government Buildings	10,000.00
Buildings and Grounds	15,000.00
Cemetery	6,052.31
Advertising and Regional Associations	5,000.00
Police Department	66,000.00
Fire Department	26,370.00

Ambulance	2,050.00
Ross Ambulance	\$ 1,050.00
Life Squad	1,000.00
Civil Defense	100.00
Town Maintenance	65,000.00
General Highway Department Expenses	42,000.00
Highway Block Grant	35,241.33
Street Lighting	15,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	27,359.00
Health and Hospitals	4,505.00
Hospice	\$ 279.00
GC Seniors	1,030.00
North Country Home Health	1,133.00
Red Cross	185.00
Littleton Hospital	1,200.00
White Mountain Mental Health	678.00
Welfare	600.00
Tri County Cap	\$ 400.00
Unemployment	100.00
Library	7,000.00
Parks and Recreation	5,810.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00
Conservation Commission	1,200.00
Principal on Long-Term Notes	11,200.00
Interest Expense - Long-Term Notes	4,000.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$426,487.64

(The Selectmen recommend these appropriations.)

ARTICLE 4: Moved by William Pinney, seconded by Stanley Rowins.

All in favor were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it, none opposed.

No discussion.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income accrued during 1997 from the Cemetery Trust Funds to reduce the appropriation.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Harold Aldrich, seconded by Star Ford.

All in favor of Article 5 were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it. None opposed.

No discussion.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Sarah Pinney, seconded by John Rowbotham.

No discussion.

All in favor of Article 6 were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it. None opposed.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Selectman Paul Pinkham explained that to keep the fund intact, we need to put something in it. We have two cruisers which we are trading in for one and this will pretty much deplete the fund.

Moved by Harry Levin, seconded by Anne Foss.

All in favor of Article 7 were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it. None opposed.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Beth Perlo, seconded by Laurence Ring.

Short discussion followed.

All in favor of Article 8 were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it. One "No" vote.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by John McIlwaine, seconded by Donald Boissonneault.

All in favor of Article 9 were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it. None opposed.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Gordon Johnk, seconded by Stanley Rowins.

Selectman David Southworth told the voters that the Capital Reserve Funds are set up and D.R.A. from the State of New Hampshire tells us if what we are buying fits in the fund for which it was established. D.R.A has final say.

Laurence Ring disagreed saying the Town has final say.

Selectman David Southworth stated this is a fund that is set up that gives the Selectmen the option to gather funds for a specific purpose such as Fire Department equipment, Highway Department equipment and Police Department equipment. If something that is needed becomes available and we don't have enough in the budget, we can still obtain it by using these funds.

Selectman Paul Pinkham stated we wished to put something in these funds, as they are being depleted.

Further discussion followed.

All in favor of Article 10 were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it. None opposed.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$6,750.00) for foundation repairs to the Sugar Hill Historical Museum.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Star Ford, seconded by John McIlwaine.

Laurence Ring pointed out that the Town owns the original building and takes care of repairs and the additional buildings belong to the Museum.

Selectman Paul Pinkham reported the work had been done last fall with the hopes of a reimbursement at this time.

All in favor of Article 11 were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it. None opposed.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and to withdraw said amount from the Annie Anker's Trust Fund to prepare for the expansion of the Sunnyside Cemetery onto presently owned land, as proposed by the Cemetery Commission in 1996. This will be a non-lapsing account per R.S.A. 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the expansion is completed or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required.)

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by William Pinney, seconded by Laurence Ring.

Cemetery Trustee Laurence Ring was asked to explain the Article.

The Town owns property adjacent to the present Sunnyside Cemetery and with space running out in the present location, money is needed to prepare the new area.

Time ran out on the appropriation made at an earlier Town Meeting.

All in favor of Article 12 were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “ No.” The “Ayes” have it. None opposed.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$496.00) (\$1.00 per capita in your community) to pay for certain studies of electric load profiles within the Town and other related research in furtherance of the possible aggregation of the Town’s and/or its residents’ and businesses’ electric loads in the NHMA Pooled Energy Plan in preparation for deregulation of the electric industry in New Hampshire.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Sarah Pinney, seconded by Elizabeth Perlo.

An explanation was given by Selectman David Southworth.

This is the New Hampshire Municipal Association. They help us with insurance and everything else in the municipality. They are forming a pooled energy plan, just like their Property Liability Trust, Municipal Bond Bank and Public Deposit Investment Pool. The purpose of this program is to secure the most cost effective and reliable energy services for the membership but also alleviate the administrative and legal headaches and provide valuable added services to assist communities in energy management once they deregulate. Minor dollars to put us on the right path for the future.

No discussion.

All in favor of Article 13 were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “ No.” The “Ayes” have it. None opposed.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign the proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement to establish the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Authority at the Whitefield Airport, in accordance with the provisions of such proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement.

(A copy of the proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement has been posted with a copy of the Warrant, and copies of the proposed Agreement are available at the Town Clerk’s Office. This Agreement will not go into effect unless five towns, with a combined population of 10,000 people, approve the Agreement.)

(The Selectmen recommend this Article.)

Moved by Star Ford, seconded by Sarah Pinney

Selectman David Southworth explained they had come to us and we thought, from what we were told, that it was a wonderful idea about bringing people into the area. Since then, we have talked with area businesses and it would benefit only a few.

Discussion followed.

All in favor of Article 14 were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “Naye.” The “Naye” votes have it with approximately five in favor. Article 14 was declared defeated by Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$248.00) (.50 cents per capita) for the Town's share of the Operating Budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Authority for the current fiscal year.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Jeffrey Henault, seconded by William Pinney to pass over Article 15.

All in favor were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it. None opposed.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to request the Selectmen to petition the New Hampshire Legislature for approval to return the opening of the polls to 11 AM for State and Federal Elections.

(The Selectmen recommend this Article.)

Moved by John Rowbotham, seconded by Edna Glaessel.

Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. stepped off the Chair as Moderator as he feels very strongly about this Article.

Robert Whitney, Jr. explained that we previously opened the Polls for State and Federal Elections at 8:00 AM. This means the Ballot Clerks, Supervisors of the Check List and everyone else connected with the election had to be here at 7:30 AM and work until the polls closed and ballots counted. This can be 10:00 PM or 11:00 PM. We can not ask people to do this. It costs the Town a great deal of money. We will have to have two sets of Ballot Clerks and Supervisors and other election officials.

Back to being Moderator.

No discussion.

All in favor of Article 16 were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it. None opposed.

ARTICLE 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Given under our hands and seals this 18th day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-eight.

Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. explained that the Town of Sugar Hill has received letters from the Town of Stark and Bartlett requesting that we have a hand vote on the subject of the National Forest Users Fees. This is a nonbinding vote not official. These are fees you pay if you park at a trail head and leave your car to hike. The fee is \$5.00 a day or \$20.00 a season.

Discussion followed. These are Federal not State Parks. Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. stated this experiment started in 1997. Warnings were given the first time.

Discussion followed.

All in favor were asked to signify by saying "Aye" if they were in favor of retaining the fees, opposed "No." A hand count showed 2 in favor and 73 opposed.

Gary Young, Sr. asked if we would ask our Road Agent and new Police Chief to stand and be recognized for the fine job they are doing.

Fireman David Southworth said he would like to thank everyone for their fine support on the raffle the Fire Department is holding. Over half the tickets were sold in the first five weeks.

The Dump situation was briefly discussed.

Selectman David Southworth said a lot hinged on the outcome of the Town Meeting in Bethlehem.

Maxine Aldrich gave a report on the proposed use of the Crapo Building for Town Offices.

There is a report on page 49 of the Town Report by the Sugar Hill Improvement Association, and a report on page 32 by the Carolina Crapo Memorial Trust Trustees.

In the fall of 1997, the Probate Court denied the request to receive the Crapo Building and Trust as the Village Improvement Association was not registered with the I.R.S. as a charitable trust. Changes were made in the Association's By-Laws. Education was added as an allowable use of the Trust Funds.

A Final Decree came down dated April 8, 1997.

We received, in January of this year, tax exempt charitable trust approval.

In May of 1997, a meeting of the Village Improvement Association was held and seventeen members were elected to be Directors. They meet regularly.

The Trustees of the Trust Fund have increased from three to five members. These members are separate from the Directors. They manage the fund and approve or disapprove requests for money.

An Architect has been hired and preliminary plans drawn up.

A Building Committee has been formed from the Directors.

The Town Offices and Library are to be on the first floor and a conference room and Association Office on the ground floor.

The first Annual Meeting of the Association will be in August, 1998. At that time, members of the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees will be elected.

Moved by Sarah Pinney, seconded by Elizabeth Perlo to close the Meeting.

All in favor were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Edith M. Aldrich,
Town Clerk

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash		\$237,991.94
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1998	\$142,034.41	
Yield Taxes	4,143.13	
Less Allowance for Abatements & Deeded Taxes	<u>(3,094.00)</u>	
Total Uncollected Taxes		143,083.54
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1997	41,219.47	
Prior Years	63,555.24	
Less Allowance for Abatements & Deeded Taxes	<u>(2,734.00)</u>	
Total Unredeemed Taxes		<u>\$102,040.71</u>
Due From Trust Funds		5,000.00
Total Assets		\$488,116.19

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
School District Tax Payable	\$339,794.00	
Accounts Payable	2,355.77	
Accrued Payroll & Payroll Taxes	6,603.98	
Property Tax Overpayments to be Refunded	<u>117.56</u>	
Total Liabilities		\$348,871.31
Received for Articles Carried Forward		5,000.00
Fund Balance – Unreserved, Undesignated		<u>134,244.88</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		\$488,116.19

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 669,868.00
Land	25,559,459.00
Buildings	39,429,050.00
Manufactured Housing	34,700.00
Public Utilities	<u>883,912.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$ 66,576,989.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	<u>105,000.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed	\$ 66,471,989.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$ 483,733.00	
Less: Total Revenues and Credits	<u>-148,439.00</u>	
Net Town Appropriations	335,294.00	\$ 5.05
School Tax Assessments:		
Lafayette	405,024.00	
Profile	<u>392,920.00</u>	797,944.00
Less Revenue and Credits	<u>-12,038.00</u>	
Net School Tax Assessments	785,906.00	11.82
County Tax Assessment	96,635.00	
Less Revenue and Credits	<u>-1,397.00</u>	
Net County Tax Assessment	95,238.00	1.43
Property Tax To Be Raised	\$ 1,216,438.00	\$18.30

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land and Buildings		\$231,442.00
Furniture and Equipment		34,000.00
Libraries, Land and Buildings		120,500.00
Furniture and Equipment		15,000.00
Police Department Equipment		35,000.00
Fire Department, Land and Buildings		209,250.00
Equipment		464,500.00
Highway Department, Land and Buildings		219,895.00
Equipment		261,749.00
Materials and Supplies		2,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds		
Coffin Pond	57,650.00	
Tennis Court	<u>7,800.00</u>	65,450.00
Historical Museum		110,000.00
Woodland		
Center District	5,000.00	
Creamery Pond	<u>5,700.00</u>	<u>10,700.00</u>
Total		\$1,779,486.00

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

	Town Garage	Fire Station	Total
Beginning Balance 1/31/98	\$50,811.69	\$11,750.00	\$62,561.69
1998 Payment	<u>8,666.67</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>11,166.67</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/98	\$42,145.02	\$ 9,250.00	\$51,395.02

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my first report of the financial doings of my office for the year 1998:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$84,331.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	621.50	
Marriage Licenses:	488.00	
Other Permits & Fees:	1,130.96	
Total		\$86,571.46

Remittances To Treasurer:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:		\$83,647.00
Town Clerk Fees:		684.00
Title Application Fees:		120.00
Dog Licenses Issued:		539.50
Dog License Fee:		82.00
Dog Complaint Fines:		89.00
Marriage Licenses Issued:	11 @ 38.00	418.00
Town Clerk Fees:	10 @ 7.00	70.00
Dump Decals:		251.00
Vital Statistics	3 @ 6.00	18.00
	22 @ 3.00	66.00
Vital Statistics Fees:	1 @ 4.00	4.00
	19 @ 3.00	57.00
Insufficient Funds Charge:	2 @ 25.00	50.00
Other Permits and Fees:		475.96
Total		\$86,571.46

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry L. Minor,
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1998

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:	Levies of 1998	Levies of 1997	Levies of 1996	Levies of 1995	Levies of 1994-88
Property Taxes \$	- 0 -	\$ 159,921.45	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ 5,155.05
Land Use Change	- 0 -	- 0 -	-0-	503.03	- 0 -
Yield Taxes	- 0 -	2,575.12	- 0 -	-0-	1,640.38
Taxes Committed This Year:					
Property Taxes	1,212,256.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Land Use Change	3,425.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Yield Taxes	6,644.52	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Overpayment:					
Property Taxes	1,212.35	12.30	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Interest Collected					
On Delinquent Taxes	1,564.58	12,049.10	-0-	-0-	-0-
Collected:					
Cost	<u>886.00</u>	<u>169.57</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
Total Debits	\$1,225,988.45	\$ 174,727.54	\$ -0-	\$ 503.03	\$ 6,795.43

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer					
During Fiscal Year:					
Property Taxes	\$1,070,221.59	\$ 159,913.95	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Land Use Tax	3,425.00	-0-	-0-	502.31	-0-
Yield Taxes	6,625.98	90.91	-0-	-0-	-0-
Interest	1,564.58	12,049.10	-0-	-0-	-0-
Penalties - Cost	886.00	169.57	-0-	-0-	-0-
Overpayment Taxes:					
Property Taxes	1,212.35	12.30	-0-	-0-	-0-
Abatements Made:					
Property Taxes	-0-	7.50	-0-	-0-	5,155.05
Land Use Change	-0-	-0-	-0-	.72	-0-
Uncollected Taxes End of Year:					
Property Taxes	142,034.41	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Land Use Change	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Yield Taxes	<u>18.54</u>	<u>2,484.21</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,640.38</u>
Total Credits	\$1,225,988.45	\$ 174,727.54	\$ -0-	\$ 503.03	\$ 6,795.43

SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1998

DEBITS

	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994/Prior
Unredeemed Liens					
Balance at					
Beginning of					
Fiscal Year	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$33,080.03	\$24,393.99	\$ 9,689.51
					5,788.16 (93)
					2,510.64 (92)
					1,891.57 (91)
Liens Executed					
During Fiscal Year	- 0 -	42,976.63	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
					389.87 (90)
					393.79 (89)
					329.75 (88)
Interest & Costs					
Collected After					
Lien Execution	- 0 -	100.65	554.44	1,346.47	1,277.05
					1,316.80 (93)
					1,803.49 (92)
					533.94 (91)
Total Debits	\$ - 0 -	\$43,077.28	\$33,634.47	\$25,740.46	\$10,966.56
					\$ 7,104.96 (93)
					\$ 4,314.13 (92)
					\$ 2,425.51 (91)
					\$ 389.87 (90)
					\$ 393.79 (89)
					\$ 329.75 (88)

CREDITS

	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994/Prior
Remittances to Treasurer:					
Redemptions	\$ - 0 -	\$ 1,752.06	\$ 3,241.51	\$ 3,042.22	\$ 2,918.44
					1,994.14 (93)
					2,026.07 (92)
					687.84 (91)
Interest & Cost After Lien Execution	- 0 -	100.65	554.44	1,346.47	1,277.05
					1,316.80 (93)
					1,803.49 (92)
					533.94 (91)
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	- 0 -	5.10	50.81	58.22	- 0 -
					75.48 (93)
					- 0 - (92)
					93.80 (91)
					- 0 - (90)
					393.79 (89)
					329.75 (88)
Unredeemed Liens Balance					
End of Fiscal Year	- 0 -	\$41,219.47	29,787.71	21,293.55	6,771.07
					3,718.54 (93)
					484.57 (92)
					1,109.93 (91)
					389.87 (90)
Total Credits	\$ - 0 -	\$43,077.28	\$33,634.47	\$25,740.46	\$10,966.56
					\$ 7,104.96 (93)
					\$ 4,314.13 (92)
					\$ 2,425.51 (91)
					\$ 389.87 (90)
					\$ 393.79 (89)
					\$ 329.75 (88)

UNREDEEMED PROPERTY TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

BY ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN THE FOLLOWING LIST IS
INCLUDED PER 1997 TOWN MEETING:

	1997	1996	1995	1994	PRIOR
Adams, Ruth B.	\$ 1,152.03	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -
Chase, Arthur J.	19,378.32	6,823.50	8,088.06	3,476.98	2,692.64
Cook, (Aldrich) Elizabeth		172.82	168.22		29.80
Corliss, Langford	2,218.93	2,452.68			
Cyrs, Michael D.	489.27	463.43	449.19	397.01	1,431.15
deRham, Anne M.	2,430.58				
Hunt, Fred J., Jr.	1,711.79				
Hutchins, Lee W.	934.46				
Hutchins, Tracy		1,365.80	570.66		
Lee & Lee W. Kelley, Martin & Katalin	652.53	598.09	598.09	527.22	435.77
Kiraly, Barbara E.	1,122.48				
Lavery, Gerald & Pauline	676.83	640.34	620.25	546.59	265.57
Leonard, Serena & Chase, Gene	1,384.29	1,307.70	1,265.48	571.39	
Lewis, Alan Lewis					263.55
Realty Trust					
Redmond, Dana & Jo-Ellen			1,362.46		
Ristuccia Realty Trust	5,942.17	5,609.43	5,425.98		
Straus, Sandra	181.21				
Taylor, Karl & Lois	90.83	87.58	85.79	79.24	220.51
Young, Gary G., Jr. & Steven M.	1,590.33	1,503.09	1,456.05	1,281.26	
Totals	\$39,956.05	\$21,024.46	\$20,090.23	\$ 6,879.69	\$ 5,338.99

UNREDEEMED YIELD TAX LIENS

BY ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN THE FOLLOWING LIST IS
INCLUDED PER 1997 TOWN MEETING:

	1997	1994	1993
Hutchins, Lee W.	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ 553.63
Young, Gary G., Jr.		1,086.75	
Chase, Arthur J.	2,484.21		
Totals	\$ 2,484.21	\$ 1,086.75	\$ 553.63

TREASURER'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 1998
Cash Basis

Beginning Cash Balance, January 1, 1998	
Peoples Bank NOW Checking	\$ 171,936.53

RECEIPTS

Tax Collector	\$1,279,268.76	
Town Clerk	86,571.46	
Selectmen	80,684.28	
Loan Proceeds	175,000.00	
Transfers from Trust Funds	33,434.20	
Interest on NOW Account	<u>1,555.69</u>	
Total Receipts		\$1,656,514.39

DISBURSEMENTS

Orders of Selectmen	1,415,458.98	
Loan Repayments	<u>175,000.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$1,590,458.98</u>
Ending Cash Balance, December 31, 1998		<u>\$ 237,991.94</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Lissa M. Boissonneault,
Treasurer

DETAIL OF RECEIPTS
Cash Basis

Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes, Current Year	\$1,070,221.59	
Overpayments	1,224.65	
Yield Taxes, Current Year	6,625.98	
Current Use Taxes, Current Year	3,425.00	
Property Taxes, Previous Year	159,913.95	
Yield Taxes, Previous Year	90.91	
Tax Liens Redeemed 91-97	15,100.34	
Interest and Costs Collected	22,566.34	
Insufficient Funds Charges	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Taxes Collected		\$1,279,268.76

From Local Sources and Miscellaneous, except Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Permits	83,647.00
Dog Licenses, Fees, Complaints	710.50
Marriage Licenses	418.00
Vital Statistics and Fees	145.00
Dump Stickers	251.00
Filing Fees and Copies	33.00
Town Clerk Fees	754.00
Title Application Fees	120.00
Office Filing Fees	8.00
UCC Filing	358.96
Overpayment/Donation	76.00
Insufficient Fund Charges	<u>50.00</u>

Total Town Clerk 86,571.46

Rent of Town Property	175.00
Highway Department Revenue	1,318.46
Police Department Revenue	190.00
Building Permits	500.00
Zoning Board Fees	888.30
Planning Board Fees	813.00
Insurance Reimbursements	6,708.57
Cable TV Permit	696.00
Selectmen	<u>926.00</u>

Total Miscellaneous 12,215.33

From State:

Highway Block	35,241.33
Revenue Sharing Block	25,948.35
Rooms and Meals	<u>7,279.27</u>

Total From State 68,468.95

Total From Selectmen 80,684.28

Interest on NOW Account	1,555.69
Withdrawals from Trust Funds	33,434.20
Temporary Loans (TAN Notes)	<u>175,000.00</u>

Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue 209,989.89

Total Receipts From All Sources 1,737,198.67

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1998 171,936.53

Grand Total Of Receipts \$1,828,450.92

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Executive	\$ 24,473.40
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	9,721.30
Financial Administration	14,713.06
Legal Expenses	1,556.35
General Government Buildings	7,827.35
Grounds and Maintenance	17,884.92
Planning Board	1,246.52
Zoning Board of Adjustment	333.78
Advertising & Regional Associations	4,753.00
Cemeteries	2,384.86
Insurance	18,975.31
Payroll	<u>9,078.30</u>

Total General Government Expenses		\$ 112,948.15
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Public Safety:

Police Department	61,445.05
Fire Department	25,580.20
Franconia Life Squad/Ambulance	2,050.00

Total Public Safety Expenses	<u>89,075.25</u>	
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Highways, Streets and Bridges:

Town Maintenance	61,816.55
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	43,842.42
Highway Block Grant	35,241.33
Street Lighting	<u>12,137.58</u>

Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses		153,037.88
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Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	<u>30,534.50</u>
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Total Sanitation Expenses		30,534.50
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Health:

Health, Hospitals	<u>4,505.00</u>
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Total Health Expenses		4,505.00
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Welfare:

Direct Assistance	<u>575.00</u>
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Total Welfare Expenses		575.00
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Unemployment:

State of New Hampshire	<u>306.00</u>
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Total Unemployment		306.00
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Culture and Recreation:		
Library	7,003.89	
Recreation	5,653.00	
Patriotic Purposes	<u>289.09</u>	
Total Culture and Recreation Expenses		12,945.98
Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	<u>410.00</u>	
Total Conservation Expenses		410.00
Debt. Service:		
Principal of Long-Term Bonds and Notes	11,166.67	
Interest Expense – Long-Term Bonds & Notes	3,454.30	
Interest Expense – Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>2,930.65</u>	
Total Debt. Service Payments		17,551.62
Capital Appropriations:		
Article #11 SH Historical Museum	6,750.00	
Highway Department Plow	2,776.50	
Police Department Cruiser	18,437.00	
Fire Department Engine 1	<u>12,347.20</u>	
Total Capital Appropriations Expenses		40,310.70
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Article #6 Revaluation	10,000.00	
Article #7 Police Department	5,000.00	
Article #8 Highway	20,000.00	
Article #9 Meetinghouse	5,000.00	
Article #10 Fire Department	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		45,000.00
Miscellaneous:		
Taxes Bought by Town	<u>42,976.63</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		42,976.63
Unclassified:		
Payments – Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>175,000.00</u>	
Total Unclassified Expenses		175,000.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	96,635.00	
Payments to School Districts	<u>773,909.00</u>	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		<u>870,544.00</u>
Grand Total Of Expenditures		1,595,720.71
**Less Tax Liability Paid 1/15/99		<u>(5,261.73)</u>
Total Disbursements		<u>\$1,590,458.98</u>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive:

Selectmen – Salary	3,772.50	
Administrative – Salary	9,360.50	
Moderator – Salary	142.50	
Workers Compensation	127.15	
Assessing	2,017.99	
Telephone	1,472.04	
Computer Services	1,540.82	
Deed Copies	73.32	
Printing/Notices	1,818.80	
Dues & Subscriptions	520.00	
Office Supplies	1,360.08	
Postage	391.17	
Books & Periodicals	393.68	
Office Relocation (architect)	837.60	
Miscellaneous	<u>645.25</u>	
Total Executive Expenses		24,473.40

Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Checklist – Salary	600.00	
Ballot Clerks – Salary	755.00	
Town Clerk – Aldrich	1,211.00	
Town Clerk – Minor	3,923.76	
Printing/Notices	405.10	
Dues	67.50	
Books & Periodicals	66.00	
Telephone	120.67	
Office Supplies	226.16	
Fees	1,765.96	
Miscellaneous	50.65	
Vital Statistics	84.00	
Dog Licenses	65.50	
Marriage Licenses	<u>380.00</u>	
Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		9,721.30

Financial Administration:

Tax Collector – Aldrich	1,428.00
Tax Collector – Minor	2,346.01
Treasurer	1,200.00
Auditor	750.00
Tax Refunds	1,225.65
Bank Fees	357.80
Computer Services	4,296.95
Research Lien	820.00
Telephone	80.50
Registry	347.07
Office Supplies	117.22

Printing	644.56	
Dues	40.00	
Postage	359.73	
Fees	542.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>157.57</u>	
Total Financial Administration Expenses		14,713.06
Total Legal Expenses		1,556.35
Payroll Taxes:		
Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	6,968.00	
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	<u>2,110.30</u>	
Total Payroll Taxes Expense		9,078.30
Planning Board:		
Secretary – Salary	575.00	
Workshops	30.00	
Printing/Notices	154.00	
Office Supplies	26.07	
Postage	144.45	
Books & Periodicals	135.00	
Town Forester	130.00	
Registry	<u>52.00</u>	
Total Planning Board Expenses		1,246.52
Zoning Board:		
Printing/Notices	271.28	
Postage	47.50	
Books & Periodicals	<u>15.00</u>	
Total Zoning Board Expenses		333.78
Government Buildings:		
Health Insurance	2,675.88	
Electricity	1,375.51	
Heating Oil	993.75	
Kipp Alarm	284.04	
Maintenance – Purchased	844.94	
Supplies	582.80	
Maintenance & Repairs	<u>1,070.43</u>	
Total Government Buildings Expenses		7,827.35
Grounds & Maintenance:		
Lloyd Card – Salary	16,012.62	
Workers Compensation	635.72	
Maintenance & Repairs	235.31	
Gasoline	75.35	

Groundskeeping	810.92	
Vehicle Repair	<u>115.00</u>	
Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		17,884.92
Cemeteries:		
Trust Expenses	2,184.86	
Burials	<u>200.00</u>	
Total Cemeteries Expenses		2,384.86
Total Insurance Expenses		18,975.31
Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses		4,753.00
Ambulance:		
Ross Ambulance	1,050.00	
Franconia Life Squad	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total Ambulance Expenses		2,050.00
Police Department:		
David W. Holland – Salary	28,350.00	
Scott McKinley - Salary	5,521.00	
Special Detail	605.00	
Richard K. Donovan – Salary	3,420.00	
Health Insurance	5,055.45	
Police Retirement	1,244.18	
Workers Compensation	1,271.48	
Training	1,555.00	
Telephone	1,245.88	
Photo Lab	34.00	
Electricity	342.36	
Heating Oil	71.76	
Building Maintenance	582.73	
Uniforms	751.66	
Printing/Notices	124.00	
Dues	75.00	
Supplies	25.19	
Office Supplies	263.04	
Equipment Maintenance	40.00	
Radio Equipment	1950.94	
Postage	90.55	
Gasoline	1,159.25	
Vehicle Maintenance	845.22	
Books & Periodicals	170.22	
Background Investigation	2,550.00	
Personal Equipment	1,191.94	
911 Emergency Lines	580.00	
Sheriff's Department	<u>2,329.20</u>	
Total Police Department Expenses		61,445.05

Fire Department:

Salaries	8,084.25
Workers Compensation	381.45
Training	352.00
Telephone	371.43
Electricity	727.63
Heating Oil	1,342.78
Building Maintenance	799.88
Uniforms	305.98
Dues	330.25
Supplies	294.35
Office Supplies	81.87
Postage	96.39
Gasoline	27.72
Diesel Fuel	205.40
Vehicle Maintenance	1,256.33
Equipment Maintenance	8,479.75
Radio Maintenance	1,143.94
Personal Equipment	284.00
Fire Pond Maintenance	176.00
911 Emergency Lines	580.00
Sheriff's Department	<u>258.80</u>

Total Fire Department Expenses

25,580.20

Town Maintenance:

Douglas Glover – Salary	30,135.00
Ronald Leavitt – Salary	14,245.25
James A. Cyrs	9,114.63
Lloyd Card	114.75
George Whitcomb	70.00
Kenneth Richey	2000.00
Retirement	2,195.33
Workers Compensation	<u>3,941.59</u>

Total Town Maintenance

61,816.55

General Highway Department:

Health Insurance	10,971.09
Telephone	784.58
Medical Services	318.50
Electricity	1,477.46
Heating Oil	908.38
Building Maintenance	2,250.20
Equipment Rental	4,380.00
Uniforms	690.40
Printing	51.30
Dues	61.00
Shop Supplies	1,007.90
Franconia Hardware	196.16
Road Supplies	1,680.34

TOWN OF SUGAR HILL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sugar Hill, in the County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, will be held at the Meetinghouse on Tuesday, March 9, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., to act on the following subjects:

Polls will open at 11 a.m. for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers). Polls will close at 7:30 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 1: To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years
A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year
A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year
A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year
An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year
A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year
One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years
Two Zoning Board of Adjustment members to serve for a term of three (3) years
One Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years
A Moderator to serve for a term of one year
And such other Town officers as may be required by law.

ARTICLE 2: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive	\$ 26,581.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	7,035.00
Payroll Taxes.....	9,764.00
Financial Administration	11,075.00
Legal Expenses.....	3,000.00
Planning Board.....	2,500.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment.....	800.00
Insurance	19,000.00
General Government Buildings	21,499.00
Buildings & Grounds	19,230.00
Cemetery	2,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	4,790.00
Police Department	66,835.00
Fire Department	26,370.00
Ambulance	2,050.00
Ross Ambulance	1,050.00
Life Squad	1,000.00
Civil Defense	100.00
Town Maintenance	71,852.00
General Highway Department Expense	67,075.00
Highway Block Grant	34,505.00
Street Lighting	12,500.00

Solid Waste Disposal	36,231.00
Health, Hospitals	4,505.00
Hospice	279.00
GC Seniors	1,030.00
NC Home Health	1,133.00
Red Cross	185.00
Littleton Hospital	1,200.00
WM Mental Health	678.00
Welfare	715.00
Tri County Cap.....	400.00
Unemployment	100.00
Library	11,000.00
Parks and Recreation	8,162.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00
Conservation Commission	1,000.00
Principal of Long-Term Notes	11,166.00
Interest Expense-Long-Term Notes	3,500.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes	4,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$489,740.00

The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.

ARTICLE 3: Polling Hours in the Town of Sugar Hill are now 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Shall we place a question on the State Election Ballot to change polling hours so that the polls will open at 11:00 AM and close at 7:30 PM for all regular state elections beginning in 2000?

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to be placed in the Police Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Re-

serve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Four and Twenty Five Cents (\$3,204.25) for repairs to the Sugar Hill Historical Museum.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will appoint the Selectmen to petition the Superior Court to sell the former Richardson Memorial Library placing the proceeds, should the Court approve, in a Library Trust fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Birches Road to Mallery-Poole Road.

(Article by Petition.)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for the North Country YMCA.

The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$725.00) for the Franconia Children's Center.

The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign the proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement to establish the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Authority at the Whitefield Airport, in accordance with the provisions of such proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty Eight dollars (\$248.00) (.50 cents per capita) for the Town's share of the Operating Budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Authority for the current fiscal year.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$38,750) for the purpose of design and construction of a waste and recycling transfer station on currently Franconia Town owned land and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

The Selectmen recommend this Article. (2/3 Ballot Vote Required)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the establishment of a mandatory Pay Per Bag System with revenues generated to be used to offset the cost of solid waste disposal and reduce the tax rate accordingly.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31.95-c, Special Revenue Funds, to restrict the revenues from the Pay Per Bag System and Transfer expenditures for the purpose of solid waste disposal. Such revenues and expenses shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Transfer Station/Recycling Center Fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Highway Department Roadwork Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:3 for the purpose of providing funds for major road improvements and to raise and appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for said fund and to name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to carry out the objectives designated by the Town in the Highway Department Roadwork Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to accept the deed to and assume the maintenance of Valley Vista Drive.

(Article by Petition.)

ARTICLE 21: Are you in favor of adopting the law to regulate hauling on town highways. A copy of the proposed ordinance is posted with a copy of the warrant, and copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE 22: Are you in favor of adopting the law to regulate dogs. A copy of the proposed ordinance is posted with a copy of the warrant, and copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE 23: Are you in favor of adopting the law to regulate noise. A copy of the proposed ordinance is posted with a copy of the warrant, and copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE 24: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 22nd day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-nine.

Richard Bielefield
Paul W. Pinkham
David B. Southworth
Sugar Hill Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF POSTING

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Town Meeting described therein, and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy in one other public place in the Town of Sugar Hill, namely the Sugar Hill Post Office fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 1999, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

Richard Bielefield
Paul W. Pinkham
David B. Southworth
Sugar Hill Board of Selectmen

This Warrant and Return of Posting has been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, this 22nd day of February, 1999.

Sherry L. Minor
Town Clerk

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL - REVENUE
(Modified Accrual Basis)

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1998	Actual 1998	Estimated 1999
Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,645.00	\$ 7,000.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	12,000.00	21,602.00	15,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	3,500.00	3,425.00	3,500.00
Intergovernmental Revenues - State:			
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	25,000.00	25,948.00	25,000.00
Highway Block Grant	35,241.00	35,241.00	34,505.00
Rooms & Meals	5,153.00	7,279.00	6,000.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Business License & Permits	0.00	0.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	65,000.00	84,451.00	80,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,000.00	2,690.00	3,000.00
Building Permits	300.00	500.00	500.00
Charges For Services:			
Income From Departments	3,000.00	4,136.00	3,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue:			
Interests on Deposits	1,500.00	1,556.00	1,500.00
Sale of Municipal Property	100.00	0.00	0.00
Other Refunds & Insurance			
Reimbursements	8,200.00	7,010.00	7,150.00
Other Financing Sources:			
Withdrawals -Capital Reserve	0.00	33,434.00	0.00
Withdrawals - Trust and			
Agency Funds	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
From Surplus	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
Total Revenues and Credits	<u>\$168,994.00</u>	<u>\$238,917.00</u>	<u>\$206,655.00</u>

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL - EXPENDITURES
(Modified Accrual Basis)

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation 1998	Actual 1998	Estimated 1999
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 23,989.00	\$ 26,581.00
Election, Registration			
& Vital Statistics	5,650.00	9,720.00	7,035.00
Financial Administration	11,300.00	13,420.00	11,075.00
Personnel Administration	8,965.00	9,078.00	9,764.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00	1,556.00	3,000.00
General Government &			
Buildings & Grounds	24,100.00	18,751.00	40,729.00

Cemeteries	6,052.00	2,385.00	2,500.00
Planning & Zoning	3,700.00	1,569.00	3,300.00
Insurance	16,000.00	18,975.00	19,000.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	5,000.00	4,753.00	4,790.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	306.00	100.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department	65,045.00	58,986.00	66,835.00
Fire Department	25,810.00	25,582.00	26,370.00
Life Squad - Ross Ambulance	2,050.00	2,050.00	2,050.00
Civil Defense	100.00	0.00	100.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	60,600.00	61,889.00	71,852.00
General Highway	42,000.00	43,819.00	67,075.00
Highway Block Grant	35,241.00	35,241.00	34,505.00
Street Lighting	15,000.00	12,141.00	12,500.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	27,359.00	30,534.00	36,231.00
Health:			
Health and Hospitals	4,505.00	4,505.00	4,505.00
Welfare:			
Town Poor	600.00	575.00	715.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Library	6800.00	6806.00	11,000.00
Parks and Recreation	5,810.00	5,653.00	8,162.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00	289.00	300.00
Conservation:			
Conservation Commission	1,200.00	410.00	1,000.00
Debt Service:			
Principal on Long Term Notes	11,200.00	11,167.00	11,166.00
Interest Long Term Notes	4,000.00	3,454.00	3,500.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	5,000.00	2,931.00	4,000.00
Capital Outlay:			
Machinery, Vehicles, Equipment		33,561.00	0.00
Buildings	6,750.00	5912.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out:			
Capital Reserve Funds	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$478,237.00</u>	<u>\$495,007.00</u>	<u>\$489,740.00</u>
Special Warrant Articles Recommended			131,250.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended			3,452.25
Total Appropriations Recommended			\$624,442.25
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits			<u>-206,655.00</u>
Amount Of Taxes To Be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			\$417,787.25

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
(Modified Accrual Basis 1998)**

	Appropriation 1998	Actual 1998	Unexpended or Overdrafts
Executive	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 23,989.00	\$ 4,011.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	5,650.00	9,720.00	(4,070.00)
Financial Administration	11,300.00	13,420.00	(2,120.00)
Payroll Taxes	8,965.00	9,078.00	(113.00)
Legal Expenses	5,000.00	1,556.00	3,444.00
Government Buildings & Grounds	24,100.00	18,751.00	5,349.00
Cemeteries	6,052.00	2,385.00	3,667.00
Planning & Zoning	3,700.00	1,569.00	2,131.00
Insurance	16,000.00	18,975.00	(2,975.00)
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	5,000.00	4,753.00	247.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	306.00	(206.00)
Police Department	65,045.00	58,986.00	6,059.00
Fire Department	25,810.00	25,582.00	228.00
Life Squad-Ambulance	2,050.00	2,050.00	
Civil Defense	100.00	0.00	100.00
Town Maintenance	60,600.00	61,889.00	(1,289.00)
General Highway	42,000.00	43,819.00	(1,819.00)
Highway Block	35,241.00	35,241.00	
Street Lighting	15,000.00	12,141.00	2,859.00
Solid Waste Disposal	27,359.00	30,534.00	(3,175.00)
Health & Hospitals	4,505.00	4,505.00	
Welfare	600.00	575.00	25.00
Library	6,800.00	6,806.00	(6.00)
Parks & Recreation	5,810.00	5,653.00	157.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00	289.00	11.00
Conservation Commission	1,200.00	410.00	790.00
Principal Long Term Notes	11,200.00	11,167.00	33.00
Interest Long Term Notes	4,000.00	3,454.00	546.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	5,000.00	2,931.00	2,069.00
Capital Outlay	6,750.00	39,473.00	(33,561.00)*
Capital Reserve Funds	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$478,237.00</u>	<u>\$495,007.00</u>	<u>\$(17,608.00)</u>
*Capital Reserve			33,434.00
Unexpended			\$15,826.00

Gasoline	37.69	
Diesel Fuel	3,277.76	
Vehicle Maintenance	5,092.73	
Equipment Maintenance	2,721.05	
Truck Lease	7,755.64	
Street Signs	123.01	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>57.23</u>	
Total General Highway Department		43,842.42
Total Street Lighting Expenses		12,137.58
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		35,241.33
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses		30,534.50
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses		4,505.00
Unemployment		306.00
Total Welfare Expenses		575.00
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses		5,653.00
Library:		
Librarian – Salary	2,312.00	
Telephone	583.33	
Electricity	169.58	
Heating Oil	232.77	
Building Maintenance	455.48	
Postage	29.00	
Books & Periodicals	<u>3,221.73</u>	
Total Library Expenses		7,003.89
Total Patriotic Expenses		289.09
Conservation Commission:		
Timber Monitor	210.00	
Dues	125.00	
Signs	<u>75.00</u>	
Total Conservation Commission Expenses		410.00
Total Long Term Notes Payment		11,166.67
Total Interest – Long Term Notes		3,454.30
Total Tax Anticipation Notes Payment		175,000.00
Total Interest – Tax Anticipation Notes		2,930.65

Capital Appropriations – Vehicles & Equipment		
Highway Department Plow	2,776.50	
Police Tahoe	18,437.00	
Fire Engine I	<u>12,347.20</u>	
Total Capital Appropriations Vehicles & Equipment		33,560.70
Capital Appropriations – Buildings		
Historical Museum	<u>6,750.00</u>	
Total Capital Appropriations – Buildings		6,750.00
Transfers – Capital Reserve Funds:		
Meetinghouse	5,000.00	
Highway Department	20,000.00	
Fire Department	5,000.00	
Police Department	5,000.00	
Revaluation	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Transfers – Capital Reserve Funds		45,000.00
Total Taxes Paid – County		96,635.00
Total Taxes Paid – School District		773,909.00
Total Taxes Bought by Town		<u>42,976.63</u>
Total Detailed Expenses		<u><u>\$1,595,720.71</u></u>

The enclosed reports are from the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the year 1998.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS Report of the Trust Funds - December 31, 1998

		PRINCIPAL				INCOME				GRAND	
Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	TOTAL END OF YEAR
06/19/76	Highway Dept. CRF	\$26,392.73	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,650.00	\$43,742.73	\$678.92	\$624.60	\$0.00	\$1,303.52	\$45,046.25
06/23/76	Police Department CRF	17,822.41	5,000.00	0.00	17,718.47	5,103.94	718.53	301.80	718.53	301.80	5,405.74
12/31/91	Meetinghouse CRF	8,226.45	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	13,226.45	343.97	456.14	0.00	800.11	14,026.56
07/19/93	Fire Department CRF	12,872.20	5,000.00	0.00	11,908.93	5,963.27	438.27	349.37	438.27	349.37	6,312.64
07/23/96	Revaluation CRF	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>792.17</u>	<u>1,103.81</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,895.98</u>	<u>31,895.98</u>
	TOTAL CAPITAL										
	RESERVE FUNDS	\$85,313.79	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$32,277.40	\$98,036.39	\$2,971.86	\$2,835.72	\$1,156.80	\$4,650.78	\$102,687.17

All Funds Invested 100%.

All Funds are Bank Deposits at Peoples Bank or PDIP.

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds - December 31,1998

PRINCIPAL INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on		Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	GRAND TOTAL END OF YEAR
				Sale of Securities	Withdrawals					
10/09/75	Perpetual Care Trust (1)	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$650.85	\$0.00	\$1,323.86	\$13,323.86
09/21/73	Louise Leavitt Trust (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	38.63	0.00	290.85	790.85
11/05/43	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	10.43	0.00	63.44	213.44
11/03/37	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	10.43	0.00	63.44	213.44
10/18/56	J.L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	6.49	0.00	33.02	133.02
07/11/84	Hersom Murray Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	8.84	0.00	30.98	180.98
10/09/75	Anker Trust (2)	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	650.85	0.00	1,323.86	13,323.86
10/09/75	Sunnyside Cemetery Fund (3)	15,248.09	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	15,248.09	825.29	0.00	1,646.86	16,894.95
TOTAL CEMETERY										
TRUST FUNDS		\$40,298.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,298.09	\$2,201.81	\$0.00	\$4,776.31	\$45,074.40

- (1) Interest may only be used for lot care.
- (2) Funds may be used at discretion of Cemetery Trustees.
- (3) Funds may only be used for Sunnyside Maintenance.
- All Funds Invested 100%.
- All Funds are deposited in PDIP.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees have continued to maintain all of the Town cemeteries and upgrade them as necessary. This year, the decision was made that the white(?) picket fence around the Streeter District portion section was in such poor condition that it could not be reasonably overhauled for the long period. It was decided that the fence should be removed and replaced with a new picket fence and pressure treated posts should be used. This has been done with obvious visible improvements. The next problem in that area is to review and decide what should or can be done about the many headstones that are flat on the ground with no knowledge as to their correct location.

The Trustees received a request from the New Hampshire Historical Society for any information that we have about the Sugar Hill Cemetery records. This is a portion of a statewide effort to compile all cemetery records. We submitted a complete listing for all of our cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurence S. Ring,
Chairman

AUDITOR'S REPORT

All of the various accounts and reports have been audited with our certified public accountant reviewing them and filing the necessary reports to the State.

The transition from Edith Aldrich as Tax Collector & Town Clerk was audited and thanks to Edith all went very smoothly. The Tax Collector's work is now on computer and it is very helpful for all of us. The Town Clerk's records will be on the computer this year. There is no hope of getting anything from the State so we must go it alone.

Some action must be taken by the Selectmen and the Tax Collector to reduce the amount of back taxes. In 1997 the Town had about \$75,000 in tax liens on unpaid taxes. In 1998 this has risen to about \$105,000. The Town must exercise these liens.

As for the year 2000, Sugar Hill will muddle through. We have wonderful people working for us in our Town. Alas our tax bills will go out before the Happy Day of December 31, 1999.

It's been a pleasure.

William Pinney
Town Auditor

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Sugar Hill has been blessed over the years by a host of dedicated individuals who have given of their time, and often resources, to make our Town the wonderful place it is in which to live. We thank every one of them for all they have done! Their contributions have been far beyond any recompense the Town could ever afford.

We regret, but totally understand, Paul Pinkham's decision to retire as Selectman after seven years of service. We will miss the dedication, judgement and good humor he has brought to the job, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

After over a year in planning and construction, the Town was able to move to the Carolina Crapo Building as tenants of the Sugar Hill Improvement Association. By combining the Richardson Memorial Library, Police Department and Town Offices under one roof, we should realize some savings beyond the maintenance of other buildings. It is significant that we still have the Meetinghouse available for the many uses it has always afforded us, and no doubt, other opportunities will come along in the future.

We were fortunate to find a used grader being replaced by the State Highway Department. It is significantly better than our former machine. We have also rented a loader which we will purchase if the Town approves the requested \$25,000.00 for the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Fund. This will not only mean a better piece of equipment able to accomplish a good deal more, but will avoid an expensive repair we will have if we retain the former loader.

Two major problems lie ahead. First, Public Service has informed us it can/will no longer maintain our streetlights because their age makes replacement parts unavailable. It seems unquestionable that we must begin replacement with a secondary potential for budgetary savings. Secondly, we have collectively postponed road repairs as long as we can economically do so, and we strongly feel we MUST begin a program that will enable us to keep what we have. Several roads have been damaged by truck traffic and require attention. Additionally, there seems no possible way to avoid replacing a culvert on Streeter Pond Road. Because of its depth, we hope \$15,000 will cover that expense.

Lastly, we would also like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to all Town employees who have helped make 1998 the success it was.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD

1998 was not a bustling year of activity, but a steady one with:

- 1 Boundary Line Adjustment
- 3 Minor Subdivisions
- 1 Major Subdivision
- 1 Voluntary Merger

A Public Hearing was held at the request of the Public Service of New Hampshire to get permission to trim our scenic roads. After consultation with the Town Forester, Brenda Brown, members of the Conservation Commission, Public Service, Asplunde Tree Services, and Planning Board Members, permission was given with Forester Brenda Brown available for consultation as the work progressed.

The Planning Board would like to reflect on the growth and desires of the Townspeople. We are always open to constructive ways to improve and keep abreast of current changes. All Zoning Ordinances are approved by the voters and we welcome public input. The Planning Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the new location of the Crapo Building.

I would also like to thank all of the Members of the Board for their interest and dedication. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should write the Selectmen a letter expressing their interest for an appointment to the Board. As Chairman of the Board, I would like to assure all the residents that we are striving to maintain the quality and beauty of our Town and to continue making it the Best Small Town in the State.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Perlo,
Chairman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Sugar Hill Police Department has seen a major renovation in all areas this year. The first area of major change was in personnel. The Department now consists of one full-time and one part-time Officer. Officer Scott McKinley is a part-time officer for the Town of Sugar Hill. Officer McKinley works full-time as a Police Officer in the Town of Lincoln. The Department is fortunate to have such a highly trained and experienced Officer on its staff. The department is also fortunate to have a new office. The Police Department is now located at the Carolina Crapo Building. The new location offers better public access as well as more police presence. I would encourage all to stop and tour the new building.

Below you will find the Department activities for 1998. These numbers do not include cases that the New Hampshire State Police covered in Sugar Hill. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the New Hampshire State Police Troop-F and all the area Police Departments for all their assistance in the past year.

Criminal Cases	93
Arrests	8
Aid Other Agencies	39
Aid to Citizens	57
Motor Vehicle Warnings	181
Motor Vehicle Summons	35
Motor Vehicle Accidents	9
Building Checks	1,340
Alarms	16

The majority of criminal cases consisted of theft, harassment, DWI, drugs, criminal mischief, alcohol offenses and animal complaints. Dog complaints were a major issue this year. We had incidents of residents being injured and area wildlife being destroyed. Owners should be aware that they are liable for their dog's actions when they allow them to run.

The Police Department hopes to continue to build its partnership with the community in the coming year. If you have any questions for the Department, please feel free to contact us on the road or call us at the station.

Respectfully submitted,
David W. Holland,
Chief of Police

SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

1998 was an extremely active year for our Department, although fortunately, it did not involve any structure fires in Sugar Hill. Our membership has increased to 20, which is the most our Department has had in years, and we were able to recruit the first woman fire fighter in several years.

We responded to 33 calls for assistance in 1998, and this compares to 20 calls in 1997, and 33 in 1996. The breakdown is as follows:

Chimney	2
Power Line Problems	4
Fire Alarm Activations (no fire)	10
Motor Vehicle Accident	1
Hazardous Material Spill	1
Investigations and Miscellaneous	3
Mutual Aid Rendered	12

We assisted our neighbors on 12 occasions, which included 4 cover assignments at vacant fire stations, and we requested assistance on one occasion from Littleton for a hazardous material spill.

Our Department conducted the busiest training program during 1998 that any of our members can remember. We sent more members to the annual two day Twin State Fire School in Wells River, then any other Fire Department in New Hampshire or Vermont. We also attended a full day of live fire training at the NH Fire Academy in Concord, utilizing the two state-of-the-art training buildings at that site. Some of our members also attended two live fire training sessions on abandoned buildings in two neighboring towns. We also sponsored two training sessions, and a mutual aid drill for our neighboring departments.

We received delivery in May, of our refurbished Engine 1. Improvements to this pumper included a new chassis, pump overhaul, raised pump operators' position, built-in class A foam system, driver actuated tire chain device, an inverter for supplying 110 v power for portable lights and power tools, and other small, but valuable improvements. We were able to acquire what is essentially a new fire truck, for one-third less then what some neighboring towns have been paying for new apparatus recently. The firefighters themselves, contributed \$5,000 of their own funds towards the truck project.

In cooperation with Franconia, we conducted a successful fire prevention program in the elementary school during Fire Prevention Week, which included a poster contest with prizes.

During the Spring, we conducted a very successful motorcycle raffle. With some of the proceeds, the firefighters purchased a complete motor vehicle accident extrication kit, a VCR for playing training videos, a large pull down projector screen, an audio/visual cart so that members can better view the training videos, and also purchased fire prevention materials.

We are proud of the progress that our Department has made in the past few years, and this progress would not have been possible without the support of the citizens of Sugar Hill.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul W. Pinkham,
Fire Chief

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the State. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998, we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard, as well as safety hazards to many areas of the State. Your local Fire Warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS (All Fires Reported through December 23, 1998)

<u>FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY</u>		<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>	
Belknap	44	Smoking	59
Carroll	89	Debris Burning	38
Cheshire	67	Campfire	29
Coos	18	Power Line	14
Grafton	43	Railroad	9
Hillsborough	232	Equipment Use	24
Merrimack	108	Lightning	16
Rockingham	121	Children	95
Strafford	64	OHRV	6
Sullivan	12	Miscellaneous	53
		Unknown	140
		Fireworks	6
		Arson/Suspicious	16
		Illegal	231
TOTAL FIRES	798	Rekindle	43
TOTAL ACRES	442.86	Disposal of Ashes	19

REPORT OF FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD 1998

This year the Life Squad saw still another increase in our activity. We also saw an increase in our membership. We welcome the following additions from the Town of Franconia, Robert Anthony, Gareth Slattery and John Ireland. With money appropriated from all three Towns, we were able to equip these new members and still upgrade some of our older radio and beeper equipment.

Once again, we wish to thank the citizens of all three Towns for their continued support of the Life Squad.

This year, through private donations, we were able to upgrade our old Defibrillator with a new state-of-the-art one. Once again our thank you.

The following is a breakdown of our activity for 1998, by Town. Our total this year is 109.

EMERGENCY DESCRIPTION	TOTAL	FRANCONIA	SUGAR HILL	EASTON	OTHER
Motor Vehicle Accidents	29	19	2	5	3
Medical Emergencies	29	20	8	1	0
Rec. Vehicle Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Bicycle Accidents	3	0	1	1	1
Misc. Health Problems	11	5	6	0	0
Cardiac Problems	11	5	2	4	0
Alcohol Problems	0	0	0	0	0
Deaths	4	3	1	0	0
Fire Dept. Assists	3	2	1	0	0
Pediatric Emergencies	1	1	0	0	0
Mt. Rescue Med. Emergencies	2	2	0	0	0
Attempted Suicides	1	1	0	0	0
Minor Med. Emergencies	8	5	2	0	1
No Transport/Refused	1	1	0	0	0
Life Line Calls	5	1	3	0	1
Nursing Home Assists	1	1	0	0	0
TOTAL RUNS	109	66	26	11	6

At this time, I would like to encourage anyone living in the tri-town area who is a certified E.M.T. to consider becoming a member of our Squad. Contact any Squad Member for more information.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Joel N. Peabody,
Franconia Life Squad

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The patrons of the Richardson Memorial Library are pleased to be able to use the Library in its new facility in the Carolina Crapo Building. With the help of the Lions Club, the books were moved from the old building in November. The Library was closed for three weeks while books were packed, moved and then unpacked and put on the shelves. The Library is still in the process of unpacking and sorting the collections.

The new facility is light and spacious with many windows. There is a feeling of openness, which seems to please patrons who use the Library. It is a great place to meet friends, discuss books and check them out.

In March of 1998, books were given to the library with the following dedication:

"Given in memory of Dorothy Aldrich, beloved grandmother by her granddaughter, Dorothy D'Amato. March 1998"

Four of the books were for the children's collection and the fifth was a biography of Daniel Webster. Also donated was the chair belonging to Henry Crapo when he was a student at Harvard by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Aldrich.

The Trustees of the Library continue to formulate , support and guide the policies of the Library. One policy change was made requesting a \$20.00 fee from nonresidents using the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma L. Leidberg,
Librarian

LIBRARY TRUSTEE REPORT

The Trustees would like to thank the Lafayette Lions Club for all their help on moving day. In exceptionally inclement weather, they carried, lifted and unpacked the Library cheerfully and efficiently. And a special thanks to Roger Aldrich and Bruce Perlo for their generous donation of a brand new computer to bring the Library into the 20th Century.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Amsbary
Eleonore Card
Dorothy McPhaul

LIBRARIAN’S STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1998

Materials acquired:

Adult Fiction	200
Adult Non-Fiction	22
Children’s Books	4
Attendance	768
Adult Fiction Loaned	1,050
Adult Non-Fiction Loaned	46
Paperbacks Loaned	12
Children’s Fiction Loaned	136
Children’s Non-Fiction Loaned	31
Total Circulation	1,275

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL AT 25 YEARS

A Letter from the Executive Director

1998 Annual Report

As North Country Council completed its 25th year of operation in 1998, we recalled working with the 279 local boards in the North County in the completion of over 1300 projects since 1973. Starting as an organization that served five towns in 1973, NCC's membership now encompasses 47 towns, 23 unincorporated places and 2 counties, more political jurisdictions than any other regional planning commission in the State. With this growth in membership, we have seen some extraordinary changes in the last twenty-five years.

In 1973, a first class stamp was 8 cents. A local phone call involved dialing the last four digits of the number on a rotary dial phone. A telephone in a car was the stuff of Dick Tracy. Some of us had photocopy machines, nobody had personal computers, yet alone, fax machines. A hand held calculator was both a \$100 luxury and a technological marvel.

Hundreds in the North Country worked in shoe and glove factories; many more worked in wood products industries. Employees at Lincoln's paper mill outnumbered workers at Loon Mountain. Ski area operators prayed for natural snow. Snowmobiles were slow, awkward contraptions. A job at a local bank was a lifetime position, and those banks often made loans to established customers on a handshake. General practitioners delivered all the babies in the region; obstetricians and most other specialists were based in Hanover or further south.

Main Streets were dotted with Woolworth's and Newberry's. Local dairies left milk in a metal box on your doorstep. Subsidized housing for elderly and families was a novelty. Industrial Parks were in the dream stage. Municipal sewage treatment plants were rudimentary, if they existed at all. At dusk, you could go to the local town dump and watch foraging bears. There were fewer than five master plans in all 51 North Country towns.

There were five traffic lights in the entire 3500 square mile region of the North Country. Except for an isolated section in Littleton, the four lane, 70 mph interstate ended in Lincoln. After 9 p.m., you couldn't buy gas or a cup of coffee north of Exit 23. A long distance drive in Coos County after 9 p.m. meant utter solitude. Route 115 from Jefferson to Carroll was a trucker's ordeal. Congestion on Route 16 through the Conways was an occasional summertime annoyance.

We had no VCR's, no video stores and no satellite dishes. If we had any TV reception at all, we received Channel 8 and a fuzzy Channel 3. Few towns were equipped with cable and few of the people in those towns were connected to it. We packed gyms for basketball games and town halls for town meetings. Today, community gatherings are more sparsely attended. We gained ESPN, but we also lost something, too.

It seems that advances in communication and transportation made us less remote from the world, but cruelly, they have made us more remote from our own communities. We are now more likely to e-mail someone across the country than we are to have our next door neighbor in for a cup of coffee. Big highways have brought us more visitors. Although they come more frequently, those visitors tend to stay for shorter intervals. Moreover, today's visitors seem to demonstrate less stewardship of the North Country. When people are less rooted in a place, they are less likely to invest time to make that place better. Yet, the changes and social upheaval we have witnessed cannot be blamed wholly on new technology and infrastructure.

Since 1973, Washington overhauled policies governing banking, energy, environment, international trade and myriad other aspects of our daily life. The impact of new legislation on “community fabric” and local enterprise was deep and far-reaching. Banks and health care providers changed drastically. Some towns sprouted second homes and condominiums while other towns clung tenaciously to mainstay manufacturers and watched those manufacturers decline, disappear or reinvent themselves entirely. Old jobs vanished and new ones emerged. During this time of pervasive economic and social change, NCC helped to write more than 40 master plans with our member towns to guide or limit growth or just to help a town get a handle on its destiny.

The North Country Council is not the same organization it was in 1973, anymore than your town is the same as it was. As your town and its needs changed over the years, our role and response has changed. For example, we will always advocate better roads, rails and trails, but now we endeavor to showcase local landscapes, history and cultural heritage, to get people out of their cars, and to encourage other modes of transportation. Changing times summon new initiatives. Twenty-five years ago, we worked primarily with municipalities in housing and community planning. Now we also work with social service organizations, health care providers, school districts and non-profits to meet new needs. In 1973, our infrastructure work program was focused exclusively on sewer systems, water systems and storm drainage systems, to bring them into compliance with newly established federal regulations. Now, as challenges ranging from solid waste to economic development resist local solutions, our focus has become more regional. In 1999, one of our primary infrastructure goals is to strengthen community, build economic base, supplement our education and health care delivery and encourage a well-informed citizenry by upgrading telecommunication capacity in the region.

The last twenty-five years left NCC with rich legacies. We have an expert knowledge of the North Country and its interface with Concord and Washington. Half of the staff at the Council are North Country natives and the other half have lived here more than half their lives. Our staff knows what works in the North Country and how to get things done. We have learned to seek incremental improvements through sharing information, evaluating policies, holding forums, building partnerships, linking agencies, informing citizens and state/federal officials, providing technical support and securing funds. Twenty-five years of experience has given us the knowledge and the technology to serve you better. These legacies are the promise of our next twenty-five years of service.

Respectfully submitted,
Preston S. Gilbert,
Executive Director

NEW HAMPSHIRE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - DISTRICT ONE REPORT

As one of your elected officials, I am honored to report to you as a member of the New Hampshire Executive Council. This five member elected body acts much like a board of directors of your New Hampshire State Government in the Executive Branch.

In my twentieth year representing this District with 98 towns and four cities, there are many changes I've seen and been a part of in the past. My focus in this report to you is toward the future and some suggestions on how you, as citizens, might be encouraged to participate in the future.

The following are some ideas and suggestions. The Governor and Council have a constitutional and lawful duty to fill dozens of boards and commissions with volunteer citizens. If you are interested in serving on one or more of these volunteer posts, please send me your resume at the State House and I'll see that it is passed on to Kathy Goode, Governor Shaheen's liaison to the Executive Council, or you may wish to send them directly to the Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301.

Other resources available to your town/city/county include 10 million dollars (\$10,000,000) through the Community Development Block Grant program at the **Office of the State Planning**. Call Jeff Taylor at 271-2155 to see if your town or area qualifies.

Annually there is available some 10 million dollars (\$10,000,000) available through the **New Hampshire Attorney General's Office** for innovative programs for drug and law enforcement, stress programs dealing with youth at risk, assistance to victims, and special programs for victims of domestic violence. For information call Mark Thompson at 271-3658.

Communities may request assistance through the **NH National Guard Army**, General John Blair's Office, for services such as a Drug Detection Dog, Community Presentations on Drug Demand Education and Career Direction Workshops. Telephone number is 225-1200.

The **Office of Emergency Management** at telephone number 1-800-852-3792 is the proper call when an emergency develops in your area such as floods, high winds, oil spills and ice jams.

State and Federal Surplus items may be purchased at minimum cost. Call Art Haeussler at 271-2602 for a list and newsletter.

In **New Hampshire Correctional Industries**, there are many products and services of use to towns, cities and counties such as street signs, vehicle decals, printing, car repair, furniture and data entry services, including web page development. Call Peter McDonald at 271-1875.

People and businesses looking for work - vocational rehabilitation, job training programs should call **NH Employment Security** at 1-800-852-3400.

NH Department of Environmental Services has available 20% grants for water/waste water projects and landfill closure projects, revolving loans for water/waste water and landfill closure, and also money for Household Waste Collection days call 271-2905. State Revolving Loans has available around 35 to 50 million dollars (\$35,000,000 to \$50,000,000) per year. For information call 271-3505.

Oil Funds - There are five petroleum funds which cover: oil spill cleanup and emergency response; reimbursement for cleanup by owners of: motor fuel underground and above ground tanks; heating oil facilities (primary home owners); and motor oil storage facilities (service stations and automobile dealers.) For information call 271-3644. Further, there is a municipal grant fund for construction of used oil collection facilities and operator training. For information call 271-2942.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days - Annual grants to cities and towns for collection of household hazardous waste provide dollar-for-dollar matching funds up to a total of 50% of the costs incurred. For further information call 271-2047.

NH Health & Human Services Department has numerous divisions, providing a variety of services and assistance. . . mental health, public health, children and youth, etc. All of these may be obtained by calling 1-800-852-3345.

All of your New Hampshire State Government can be accessed by the general phone number at 271-1110 and through the State Webster Internet <http://www.state.nh.us>. Your New Hampshire Government is at your service, please call my office anytime I can be of help. (271-3632 and e-mail: rburton@gov.state.nh.us)

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond S. Burton,
State House - Room 207
Concord, NH 03301
Office - (603) 271-3632

RECREATION PROGRAMS

Our summer programs were based out of the Lafayette Regional School. We had co-directors this year, Brian Frenkiewich and Wendy Lyndes. Brian was also responsible for the Adventure Program which included 12, 13 and 14 year old kids. These kids met twice a week and planned their adventure together. Some things they experienced were canoeing, rock climbing, camping and mountain biking. The 6 through 11 year old kids met Monday through Friday for 8 weeks, with swimming lessons in the mornings, instructed by the flamboyant and perennial Jean Serino. Peter Stewart at the Gale River Motel was generous in letting our kids use his facility for swimming lessons. Dan the man Walker used his talents on the tennis courts.

We offered instructional baseball, farm league and Bambino league hard and softball teams. Our coaches were energetic and dedicated. Mark Maguire was asking for the coaching job but I told him he could never replace Rene Wills. Jim and Mary Colongeli did a wonderful job with basketball again.

Soccer was added this year. Over a hundred kids signed up. Unbelievable! Mike Kenney had his hands full, but did an outstanding job with both a boys and girls team. The boys went undefeated. Gordie Johnk, Steve Horan, Mark Simpson, Bob Gorgone and Barry Field were all MVC's (most valuable coaches).

Our skating rink still can use lots of work. With lots of work from lots of volunteers at the Halloween party, we were able to deposit \$7,000 in the Robert McLachlin Memorial Fund, earmarked for long-term improvements to the rink. Richard McLachlin is maintaining the rink this year.

Our Committee meets monthly to discuss the changing recreational needs of our area and is interested in supporting and providing recreational activities to meet the needs of our community. Parent and community ideas and support are welcome.

The recreational programs we offer involve everyone. We are very fortunate to have the support and dedication of our coaches and parents. We encourage the public to become active in our programs, support the youth and take advantage of the programs we offer.

Respectfully submitted,
The Recreation Committee

THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

The Willing Workers Society is a non-sectarian, charitable organization whose purpose is to serve the community.

The July summer sale and the November Christmas sale were successful. I would like to thank all who contributed to this, especially those who gave us food, not only members but also friends in the community. Thank you to Mary Winn Foss for the beautiful decorating on the stage each sale, also Larry Ring, Warren Havens, Albert Aldrich, Chester Smith, Joseph Lange and Herbert Hunt for setting up and taking down the tables, among other things they are asked to do. Without Jeanne Ring, our Work Coordinator, we would not have had all the beautiful homemade articles she and others made for our sales. She's a dedicated and hard working lady.

We gave memorial receptions for Dorothy Aldrich and Aubrey Reid. A retirement reception was given for Town Clerk, Edith Aldrich.

In May, Mary Winn Foss hosted a luncheon at her new residence. We all thank her.

During 1998, contributions were made to the following organizations: Franconia Life Squad, Upper Valley Hostel, North Country Home Health Agency, David's House, Bancroft House, Littleton Senior Center and Littleton High School DECA. Other donations were to the Sugar Hill Community Church for memorial donations and heating of the building. Flowers and baskets of fruit were given to those ill at home or in the hospital. The total donations and contributions came to \$1,625.50.

The Scholarship Award in the amount of \$1,000.00 is given annually to a senior at Profile High School who is a resident of Sugar Hill and plans to continue his or her education in the second year of college. This year's awards of \$1,000.00 each went to Haley Boissonneault and Jeffrey Frenkiewich.

Since the Society was established in 1920, no one has served as President and Vice President for 5 years. Lorraine Hunt and I have stepped down but not out.

Officers for 1999 are:

President:	Nancy Smith
Vice President:	Sylvia Hutchinson
Treasurer:	Edna Glaessel
Secretary:	Lorraine Hunt

Our gratitude and appreciation are extended to those who supported us to reach our education and charitable goals.

Sylvia Hutchinson,
President

SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

The Sugar Hill Historical Museum wishes to thank the Town for its support in maintaining the main Museum Building. This past year we added a small roof over each of the two doors to prevent the rotting problems we experienced in the past.

We had a successful season beginning with the Lupine Festival. Our two exhibits, "Work & Play: 1900 - Present" and "Art and Flowers" featuring the works of L. Gerard Paine, were very well attended. Our wreath making fund-raiser in December netted over \$1400.00. We made 106 wreaths including the large one on the Meetinghouse.

For the coming year we would like to increase our membership in the Town of Sugar Hill. Please join, checks may be payable to Sugar Hill Historical Museum and mailed to Sugar Hill Historical Museum, Main Street, Sugar Hill, NH 03585. We look forward to another successful year.

The museum is open during the summer months on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. The hours are 1 to 4 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Aldrich & Sarah Pinney
Co-Chairmen

SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT

1998 was the year of the Carolina Crapo Memorial Building. During the winter the association in construction with the Town Board of Selectmen hired an architect and drew up plans for renovation of the building into Town Offices and the Library. Many meetings were held with various departments and a compromise plan was arrived at which placed the Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector/Town Clerk and the Police Department in the East wing of the building and the Library in the West wing.

A Building Committee was chosen to supervise the construction and a Finance Committee was chosen to put construction financing in place. The Building Committee chose Lawton Construction as the General Contractor and construction began in May. The whole building was gutted and new construction began from the ground up. The contract was finished in November and the various departments moved in during late November and early December.

The Board of Directors met several times during the construction period and after. The Annual Meeting was held in August and the same officers were returned to office. Since construction took up so much time little else was accomplished during the year. In the coming year and years we hope to be able to spend more time on other improvements for the Town of Sugar Hill.

1998 WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Town of Sugar Hill

Highlights of 1998:

1998 was a year of challenges and achievements for our organization.

We were challenged by decreasing revenues and increasing demands for our mental health services. In these difficult times, the need for our services continues to escalate. More often than we would like, we have been forced to ask people requesting non-emergency services to wait for appointments with our outpatient clinical staff. At any point during the year, approximately 850 people are being seen on an active basis. We are continually striving to offer quality services in a responsive manner at a cost which local families can afford. The contributions of the twenty-two towns we serve are crucial in this effort.

Our developmental services staff also face challenges in continuing to individualize the supports we provide. Making choices regarding one's own life may seem like a basic part of living, but is relatively new to persons with a developmental disability who may have spent much of their lives in an institution where choices were made for them. Assisting individuals in the process of connecting with the community as a unique person with hopes, needs and desires often requires a great deal of patience and creativity.

Our achievements have included obtaining the highest possible level of accreditation, a three year accreditation, from the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). In its report, CARF commended the agency for our "outstanding program quality." We have also been successful in continuing to offer local services at our three satellite offices in the towns of Woodsville, Lincoln and Lancaster. We have strengthened many partnerships with schools, hospitals, social service agencies and other community services in these towns during the past year, and we greatly appreciate their support, flexibility and cooperation.

Service Statistics: During 1998, **8 Sugar Hill residents received 125 hours of service.** These residents were either uninsured or under-insured, and were not able to pay the full cost of services. Our services include:

- 24 hour emergency service
- individual, group and family therapy
- outreach services to severely emotionally disturbed children and their families
- in-home support and treatment to elders
- substance abuse counseling
- experiential, activity based program for adjudicated adolescent boys
- psychiatric assessment and medication
- psychological assessments
- housing, vocational, and case management services to persons with severe mental illness

Thank you for your contribution to our services.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane C. MacKay, LCSW
Area Director

FRANCONIA - SUGAR HILL - EASTON RECREATION COMMITTEE

Our summer program was based out of the Lafayette Regional School year. We added a few new ideas this year with a mountain biking club and we visited a rock climbing wall. We hope to do these and more this year. This is an eight week program, Monday through Friday with swimming lessons in the mornings, instructed by Jean Serino. 6th, 7th and 8th grades will be able to join us this summer in a new adventure program two days a week. Peter Stewart at the Gale River Motel was generous in letting our kids use his facility for swimming lessons.

We offered instructional baseball, farm league, little league and softball teams. Our coaches were energetic and dedicated. In addition to baseball, basketball was a huge success. Jim and Mary Colongli deserve a round of applause for their work with the basketball teams.

Our skating rink still can use lots of work. It did get up and running the week after vacation, and weather permitting, we will be skating through February. The rink is now maintained by a Town employee under Ed Phillip's supervision. This will, hopefully, lead to great improvements.

Our committee meets monthly to discuss the changing recreational needs of our area and is interested in supporting and providing recreational activities to meet the needs of our community. Parents and community ideas and support are welcome.

The recreational program we offer involves everyone. We are very fortunate to have the support and dedication of our coaches and parents. We encourage the public to become active in our programs, support the youth and take advantage of the program we offer.

Respectfully submitted,
The Recreation Committee

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AGENCY, INC.

1998 Report of Services

Town of Sugar Hill

Each year, home health care plays a larger role in providing community-based health care services and programs. Increasing numbers of people prefer to receive their health, medical and supportive care and services outside the hospital or nursing home. These people include seniors who need help to stay in their own homes, adults who are caring for aging relatives, young people with chronic illnesses and people of all ages who are discharged following always briefer hospital stays.

North Country Home health Agency (NCHHA) nurses, therapists, aides, homemakers and companions assist people who are recuperating from surgery, individuals coping with chronic illnesses and families and community members caring for loved ones and friends. Expensive hospital stays are reduced, moves to nursing homes, are eliminated or delayed and families are supported through the competent and comprehensive care provided by NCHHA staff. By attending to the needs of the uninsured and under-insured, NCHHA is helping contain town and county health care expenses.

In 1998, NCHHA, like other low-cost and efficient home care agencies, was faced with severe reductions in Medicare reimbursements. Our greatest challenge became addressing our priority to provide essential services to all, regardless of their ability to pay. Thanks to town support, county and state grants, individual donations, and a modest reserve fund, NCHHA continues its 27-year tradition of responding to the home health care needs of North Country residents.

Explanation of Services:

Skilled Services - shorter hospital stays and new technology allow many treatments to be done in the home, provided and administered by skilled professionals, such as nurses and therapists.

Supportive Services - home health aides, homemakers and companions ensure ill and disabled people can live in healthy households, have clean clothes, nutritious meals and help in their daily lives.

Hospice - a holistic, family-supportive, medically directed, team-oriented program that seeks to treat and comfort individuals and families coping with terminal illnesses.

Community Education - an essential element of home health care's success is the emphasis on education, giving individuals and families the knowledge necessary to actively participate in their care. This approach is duplicated in the wider community through educational programs and health screenings.

Services provided to residents of the Town of Sugar Hill in 1998 included 188 visits by nurses, therapists, aides, homemakers and companions.

Additionally, NCHHA provided 55 health screenings and clinics to the public in 1998. Approximately 1,350 individuals participated in these preventive health programs.

North Country Home Health Agency; Supporting You, Alongside Your Family and Physician

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Ruppert,
Executive Director

HOSPICE OF THE LITTLETON AREA

1998 Annual Report

Hospice of the Littleton Area has completed its ninth year of providing volunteer services to residents of area communities. Our service area included the towns of Littleton, Bethlehem, Twin Mountain, Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton, Lisbon, Lyman, Landaff, Monroe, Bath, Woodsville/Haverhill and Lincoln. In 1998, a total of 124 patients and families received services through our many support programs.

Our Director and Hospice volunteers provided supportive care at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes to 65 individuals and families coping with the advanced and final stages of illness. In addition, in November, our new Bereavement Care Coordinator and Bereavement volunteers provided support to twelve (12) bereavement care clients.

Our Hospice Program also conducted five support groups which were free of charge and open to the public. The Cancer, Breast Cancer, Bereavement and our new Prostate Cancer and Infant Loss Support Groups offered a supportive and caring place to share feelings and experiences guided by a trained counselor. Forty-seven (47) individuals attended these support groups in 1998.

Our organization was very pleased this year to again offer support to two (2) area programs. We continued to provide volunteer services to the North Country Home Health Agency's Medicare Hospice Program and we again offered supportive care to patients and families in the Hospice Room of Littleton Regional Hospital.

Volunteers gave over 1842 hours in the provision of services.

Our Hospice conducts a yearly nine (9) week long, eighteen (18) hour Hospice Volunteer Training Program for individuals interested in becoming volunteers or in increasing their knowledge about Hospice Care. Twenty-five (25) people completed our 1998 Spring Training Program. We now have over 135 trained volunteers available to support area residents.

Hospice was successful in obtaining grant money that will allow us to start a five (5) day a week van service to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center for cancer patients receiving radiation treatment. That service is scheduled to begin in January of 1999.

There is **NO CHARGE** to patients or families for the services of Hospice of the Littleton Area. This service is made possible largely through the generous support provided by the towns that we serve. Without the support of Town Funding, we would be unable to continue to provide services to the many patients and families we serve.

Your support of Hospice of the Littleton Area is greatly appreciated as we enter our tenth year of providing care to residents of area communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Lakey,
Director

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1998**

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME AND SURNAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
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*July 18, 1997	Leanza Bea Hunt	Richard G. Hunt	Claudia Progin
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*From Year Ending December 31, 1997.

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sherry L. Minor,
Town Clerk

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1998**

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
January 10, 1998	David Whitney Holland Darolyn Elizabeth Meder	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
June 6, 1998	Felix Oscar Blouin Toni Lorin Sottolare	Greenwood Lake, NJ Greenwood Lake, NJ
June 21, 1998	Daniel Carroll Moore Amanda Jane Phelps	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
August 22, 1998	Paul Frank Fichiera Joy Christine Whalen	Meza, AZ Woodsville, NH
August 22, 1998	Nicholas Gray Outerbridge Ives Laine Diane Sinkey	Marblehead, MA Marblehead, MA
August 29, 1998	Mitchell Ross Alden Dylan Kinsella	Ayer, MA Ayer, MA
October 10, 1998	Ralph Edwin Lewis III Jacqueline Marie Lynam	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
October 31, 1998	George E. Whitehouse Wendy M. Haynes	Nashua, NH Nashua, NH
December 19, 1998	Cooper Stephens Martin Erica Montgomery	Portland, ME Portland, ME
December 19, 1998	Matthew J. Sinclair Stacey C. Pope	Columbia, SC Columbia, SC

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sherry L. Minor,
Town Clerk

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1998**

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF DECEASED	NAME AND SURNAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
March 17, 1998	Harry Leon Levin	Samuel M. Levin	Anna Simons
April 15, 1998	Edgar Lemay	Frederick Lemay	Elenore Lemoine
July 3, 1998	Frederick E. Aldrich	Frederick Aldrich	Lucy Young
July 25, 1998	Mary B. Hunt	John Baines	Ann Moon
October 25, 1998	Roscoe Wendell Phillips	Roscoe Wendell Phillips, Jr	Elizabeth Moss
November 3, 1998	Frances Cammann Hrynio	Schuyler V. R. Cammann	Marcia Deforest Post
November 14, 1998	Magda Thoma	Karl Gminder	Frick

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sherry L. Minor,
Town Clerk

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TOWN HOURS

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

823-8468

Monday	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday and Thursday	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

823-8516

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

PLANNING BOARD

First Tuesday of each month	7:30 PM
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ZONING BOARD

As needed	6:30 PM
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TRANSFER STATION

Monday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

823-7001

Tuesday	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM

823-8142

Thursday	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Sunday	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

OPEN: July 1st - October 31st

FIRE, POLICE, LIFE SQUAD EMERGENCY ONLY 911
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Non-Emergency Police
823-8725
823-8123

Non-Emergency Fire Department
823-8415

Highway Department
823-8788

Meetinghouse
823-7011

